



# KEYSTONE HARBOR STUDY

Fact Sheet

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## Why is WSF studying potential improvements for Keystone Harbor and Terminal?

The Washington State Legislature appropriated \$1 million for Washington State Ferries (WSF) to study the viability of the existing Keystone Harbor. The Legislature directed that WSF work with a Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) to help guide the analysis. The outcome of this study is a report to be delivered to the Legislative Transportation Committee in early January 2005.

## How did we get here?

The Keystone-Port Townsend ferry route is limited to using Steel Electric ferries because larger vessels are unable to fit into Keystone Harbor's narrow entrance and shallow water. The 77-year old Steel Electric vessels serving the route are the oldest ferries in the WSF fleet and are scheduled for retirement. For reasons of operational flexibility, reliability, and efficiency WSF is replacing the Steel Electric vessels with larger vessels that are interchangeable throughout the WSF system. In order to accommodate the larger boats, the Keystone Terminal would have to be relocated, or Keystone Harbor reconfigured.

WSF began an environmental review process in fall 2003 to examine potential alternatives for improving the Keystone-Port Townsend route. The environmental review involved a full analysis of all alternatives, including studies of Keystone Harbor and Terminal, and identification of potential sites for moving the Keystone Terminal outside the harbor. In response to public concern over relocation options for the Keystone Terminal, the Washington State Legislature halted work on the environmental review process in March 2004.

## Who makes up the Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) and how were they selected?

As directed by the Legislature, the CAG is composed of one WSF pilot, two regular users of the route and one tug boat pilot. CAG members were officially appointed by the Washington State Transportation Commission at the Commission's April 2004 meeting. A representative of the Secretary of Transportation also attends the CAG meetings.

The following citizens were named members of the CAG:

**Captain Tim McGuire** - WSF Ferry Captain

**Mayor Nancy Conard** - User of the Keystone-Port Townsend Route, Mayor of Coupeville

**Captain Clark Jennison** - Tug Boat Captain

**Forest Shomer** - User of Keystone-Port Townsend Route, resident of Port Townsend



## What is the study timeline?

	2004	April	June	2005	January	Spring
CAG members appointed						
CAG meets for the first time; WSF begins analysis						
Study completed and report delivered to the Legislative Transportation Committee						
Legislative direction expected						

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## How can I get involved?

All meeting materials are available on the web by visiting <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/projects/keystoneharbor>.

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